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I. Introduction

The Soviets are increasingly active throughout the world in order to bolster their influence and to undermine that of the US:

- o Moscow has become the world's leading arms exporter and is the principal supplier of arms to 34 LDCs compared to 17 a decade ago. Military equipment sales to LDCs totaled \$68.2 billion during the last decade.
- o Soviet economic assistance--though smaller than the military program--has continued to grow. Of the \$23.3 billion in credits and grants extended since 1954, 65 percent of this has been in the last decade. In addition there were over 40,000 Soviet economic technicians in the LDCs in 1982.
- o Training programs--military and civilian--have grown rapidly. Over 50,000 academic students were being trained in the USSR last year, a 250 percent increase in 10 years. In addition over 10,000 military personnel and technical trainees departed for training in the USSR and other Warsaw Pact countries in 1982.
- o The Soviets have also launched a major new propaganda offensive aimed against the West. Radio Moscow alone now beams programs worldwide in more than 60 languages

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and is on the air nearly 1,200 hours each week.

On the covert side, Moscow has developed a vigorous program of "active measures" that is carried out in large part by a growing overseas presence that includes diplomats, Aeroflot employees, and the representatives of Soviet trade and news organizations. Of the 18,000 official Soviets abroad, percent are believed to be intelligence personnel. Soviet active measures include:

- o Financial support and direction to Communist parties, front groups, youth and labor, and other opposition groups
- o Media manipulation, disinformation, forgeries
- o Support to insurgents, dissidents, and terrorists
- o Agents-of-influence and other subversive activities

The Soviets have also encouraged, supported, and sometimes directed their allies' efforts--both overt and covert--in support of Soviet foreign policy objectives. A pattern of cooperation and coordination has developed between the USSR, other Warsaw Pact members, Cuba, Libya, and a number of other states. On the overt side, Cuban troops in Angola and Ethiopia, East German training and support to a number of LDC intelligence and security organizations, and the involvement of East European countries, Cuba, Libya, and North Korea in the provision of military equipment to LDC governments come to mind. These countries are also involved in covert activities that support Soviet interests to varying degrees.

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My remarks today will focus on the covert activities that are used to complement the more diplomatic and military actions. The US is the major target of Soviet Bloc covert actions, which are generally aimed at discrediting US policies and promoting Soviet views. The specific objectives usually vary from region to region, although there are some themes-- particularly pushing the Soviet view on peace issues and promoting closer relations with the Non-aligned Movement--that encompass more than one region.

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II. Regional Sections

A. Europe

1. Soviet objective: separate Western Europe from US by exploiting fear of nuclear war
 - a. Specific examples of actions supporting objectives
 - (1) Covert aid to peace movements
 - (2) Funding of front meetings/demonstrations
 - (3) Propaganda promoting nuclear free zones in Nordic countries/Mediterranean
 - b. East German assistance
2. Soviet objective: block Western efforts to aid Polish Liberalization
 - (1) Disinformation/forgeries
3. Soviet objective: restrict application by Western powers of CSCE Final Document to human rights issues
4. Soviet objective: prevent Spain from entering NATO/EC
 - (1) Disinformation/forgeries
 - (2) Promoting trade and maritime agreements with USSR

B. Middle East/North Africa

1. Soviet objective: thwart US peace initiatives, including Lebanon settlement
 - a. Supporting radical regimes
 - b. Disinformation/forgeries

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2. Libyan objective: combat and eventually eliminate Israel
 - a. Supporting radical Palestinian movements and
 - b. Opposing Arafat and other moderate Palestinian
 - c. Supporting radical regimes e.g. Iran, Syria, S. Yemen
 - d. Working against moderate regimes e.g. Egypt, Sudan, Saudi Arabia
3. Libyan objective: support for international terrorism
 - a. Financial and to radical Palestinian groups
 - b. Fielding assassination teams against Sadat, Nimeri, US Ambassador Eilts
 - c. Fielding hits teams for assassination of moderate Arab Ambassador

C. Sub-Saharan Africa

1. Soviet objective: encourage/facilitate insurgency against South Africa and isolate Pretoria regime
 - a. Military training for insurgents
 - b. Disinformation/forgeries
2. Libyan objective: undercut Western influence throughout continent
 - a. Subvert Upper Volta, Chad, Niger, Somalia
 - b. Supporting radical regimes in Ghana, Benin
 - c. Supporting spread of Islamic religion as means of acquiring political power
3. Cuban objective: supporting radical regimes in

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Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique

- a. Assist liberation movements
- b. Increase military presence

D. South Asia

- 1. Soviet objective: counter US and Pakistani support to Afghan insurgents
 - a. Supporting political opposition to Zia regime
 - b. Assisting anti-Zia terrorist organizations
- 2. Soviet objective: counter US CBW accusations
 - a. Disinformation/forgeries
- 3. Soviet objective: discredit US policies in India
 - a. Disinformation/forgeries

E. East Asia

- 1. Soviet objective: prevent strengthening of Japan-US military cooperation
 - a. Agents of influence
 - b. Disinformation/forgeries
- 2. Soviet objective: penetrate labor movements in Southeast Asia
 - a. Covert funding for labor conferences
- 3. Libyan objective: promote radical Islamic movements
 - a. Assist separatist Philippine Muslims

F. Central America/Caribbean

- 1. Soviet objective: support radical regimes
 - a. Military assistance
 - b. Economic assistance

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2. Cuban objective: support radical regimes
 - a. Military training for Nicaraguans
 - b. Assisting Grenada regime
 - c. Increase presence in Suriname
3. Cuban objective: subvert moderate regimes
 - a. Training for clandestine activity or insurgency
 - b. Intelligence training for foreign agents
4. Libyan objective: striking back at the US on homeground
 - a. Paramilitary/insurgency training
 - b. Funding leftist opposition groups

G. Latin America

1. Soviet and Cuban objective: strengthen leftist movements
2. Soviet and Cuban objective: capitalize on anomisty toward US resulting from Falklands crisis
 - a. Disinformation/forgeries

III. Summary/Conclusions

A. Recent trends

1. Increased activity
 - a. Reflect growth of program by comparing numbers
 - b. Key countries and regions / centers of attention
 - c. Major themes of programs
2. More boldness
 - a. Assassination plots blamed on US Ambassadors

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- b. Soviets engaging in bigger and more active measures programs; reflected in greater discovery rate and increased expulsions

3. Technical advances in Active Measures

- a. Quality continues to vary
- b. Apparent 1st use of audiotapes in active measures

4. Target of opportunity

- a. Some actions appear to be planned well in advance
- b. Others are reaction to events

IV. Outlook

- A. Greatest opportunity for active measures comes from exploiting political and economic turmoil in target countries and internationally
- B. INF will continue to be major focus
- C. Active measures will continue to increase in other areas